

KOREAN WAR ALLIES

The United Nations Command committed to the defense of South Korea included the British "Commonwealth" Division, the 25th Independent Canadian Brigade, the 1st Turkish Brigade, the Royal Thai 21st Regiment, and the Philippine 10th Battalion Combat Team (BCT), among others. These units served with courage and distinction and are included here as a tribute to their sacrifice.

TABLES OF ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT COMMONWEALTH FORCES: 1950-53

Generation: II, Air Superiority Rating: 70, Class: Professionals, Base Determination Factor: 35%

Infantry Company: 3xTL1 Infantry(A)
Engineer Company: 3xTL1 Engineer(A)
Support Company: 1x3" Mk-1 Mortar(3)/Truck, 1xTL1 Engineer(A), 1xTL1 Infantry Support(A)
British Tank Squadron: 5xCenturion Mk3
Canadian Tank Squadron: 5xM4A3E8
Artillery Battery: 2x25lbr "Mark/2" Gun/Howitzer(2)/Truck

Infantry Battalion: 1xTL1 Infantry(A) HQ/Ben Carrier, 4xInfantry Company, 1xSupport Company
British Armored Regiment: 1xCenturion Mk3 (HQ), 1xDaimler AC, 3xBritish Tank Squadron, 1xCenturion "Dozer"
British Engineer Battalion: 3xEngineer Company
Artillery Regiment: 3xArtillery Battery

British Infantry Brigade: 1xTL1 Infantry(A) GHQ/Truck, 3xInfantry Battalion, 1x4.2" Mk-1 Mortar(3)/Truck, 1xEngineer Company

Canadian Infantry Brigade: 1xTL1 Infantry(A) GHQ/Truck, 1xEngineer Company, 1xCanadian Tank Squadron

Commonwealth Division: 2xBritish Infantry Brigade, 1xCanadian Brigade, 3xArtillery Regiment, 1xBritish Armored Regiment

Notes: 1) Fifteen British infantry battalions, three armored, and three artillery regiments were rotated through Korea.
2) Thirteen Canadian and Australian infantry battalions and three Canadian artillery regiments served in Korea.
3) The 27th Canadian Brigade was part of the "Commonwealth" Division.
4) Total forces included the "Commonwealth Division", the 25th Independent Canadian Brigade, the 29th Independent British Brigade, a New Zealand artillery battalion, the "Royal Australian Regiment", and an Indian ambulance company.
5) Further information on the Canadian contribution to the Korean War can be found at <www.VAC-acc.gc.ca>.
6) Further information on the Australian contribution to the Korean War can be found at <KoreanWar.net/Australia>.

1st TURKISH BRIGADE: 1950-53

Generation: II, Air Superiority Rating: 20, Class: Professionals, Base Determination Factor: 40%

Infantry Company: 3xTL1 Infantry(B), 1xTL1 Infantry Support(B)
Engineer Company: 3xTL1 Engineer/Truck
Support Company: 1x81mm M1 Mortar(3), 2xTL1 Infantry Support(B)

Infantry Battalion: 1xTL1 Infantry(B) HQ, 3xInfantry Company, 1xSupport Company
Artillery Battalion: 3x105mm M101(2)/Truck

Infantry Brigade: 1xTL1 Infantry(B) GHQ/Truck, 3xInfantry Battalion, 1xArtillery Battalion, 1xEngineer Company

10th PHILIPPINE BATTALION COMBAT TEAM: 1950-55

Generation: II, Air Superiority Rating: 20, Class: Conscripts, Base Determination Factor: 25%

Infantry Company: 3xTL1 Infantry(A), 1xInfantry Support(B)
Support Company: 1x81mm M1 Mortar(3)/Truck, 2xTL1 Infantry Support(B)
Tank Company: 4xM4A3E8
Recon Company: 3xM24 Chaffee[R], 3xJeep/50cal.[R], 2xTL1 Infantry (R)/Jeep

Battalion Combat Team: 1xTL1 Infantry(B) GHQ/Jeep, 3xInfantry Company, 1xSupport Company, 1xTank Company, 1xRecon Company, 1x105mm M7(3), 1x4.2" M1 Mortar(3)/Truck

21ST "ROYAL THAI" REGIMENT: 1950-55

Generation: II, Air Superiority Rating: 20, Class: Conscripts, Base Determination Factor: 25%

Infantry Company: 3xTL1 Infantry(B), 1xInfantry Support
Support Company: 1x81mm M1 Mortar(3), 2xTL1 Infantry Support(B)

Infantry Battalion: 1xTL1 Infantry(B) HQ, 3xInfantry Company, 1xSupport Company

Notes: 1) This regiment's three infantry battalions were attached to separate American divisions.

1ST BELGIAN BATTALION: 1951-53

Generation: II, Air Superiority Rating: 30, Class: Conscripts, Base Determination Factor: 25%

Infantry Company: 3xTL1 Infantry(B)
Support Company: 1x3" Mk-1 Mortar(3), 1xTL1 Infantry Support(B), 1xInfantry Engineer(B), 1x6lbr ATG/Bren Carrier
Infantry Battalion: 1xTL1 Infantry(B) HQ, 3xInfantry Company, 1xSupport Company

Notes: 1) A total of three Belgian Battalions eventually served in Korea.

1ST FRENCH BATTALION: 1951-53

Generation: II, Air Superiority Rating: 30, Class: Professionals, Base Determination Factor: 35%

Infantry Company: 3xTL1 Infantry(B), 1xTL1 Infantry Support(B)
Support Company: 1x75mm M20 RcR, 1x81mm M1 Mortar(2), 1xTL1 Infantry Support(B), 1xEngineer(B)

Infantry Battalion: 1xTL1 Infantry (B) HQ/Truck, 3xInfantry Company, 1xSupport Company

Notes: 1) The stand made by the French battalion along with the U.S. 23rd R.C.T, when surrounded by a large Chinese force at the "siege" of Chipyeong-Ni, ranks as one of the finest achievements in the history of both French and American arms.
2) One French infantry company was "parachute" trained.

GREEK, COLOMBIAN, ETHIOPIAN, AND DUTCH BATTALIONS

Generation: II, Air Superiority Rating: 30, Class: Conscripts, Base Determination Factor: 30%

Infantry Company: 3xTL1 Infantry(B), 1xTL1 Infantry Support(B)
Support Company: 1x81mm M1 Mortar(3), 2xTL1 Infantry Support(B)

Infantry Battalion: 1xInfantry(B) HQ, 3xInfantry Company, 1xSupport Company

Notes: 1) Greeks served in Korea between 1951 and 1955.
2) Four Colombian battalions served in Korea between 1951 and 1954.
3) Three Ethiopian Battalions served in Korea between 1951 and 1953.
4) The Dutch served in Korea from 1950-1954. Their contribution included a large naval contingent.

TACTICAL NOTES

The above TO&Es have been included primarily for historical purposes. But, they also provide the sort of "color" that makes for interesting scenarios. The exploits of the 29th British Brigade and the 1st Turkish Brigade to protect the 8th Army's right flank and the French stand at Chipyeong-Ni make for great wargaming. The Canadian Army also deserves considerable praise, especially for the battles at Kapyong and Chail-li. Further information on all the countries involved (including the Soviet Union) is available at <www.korean-war.com>.